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Re: Public Comment for WC Docket No. 12-375

Dear Secretary Dortch:

This is a public comment for the above-referenced docket number. I'm a prisoner imprisoned at SCT Mahanoy in Pennsylvania.

First, I'd like to thank the FCC for its Order reducing interstate phone call rates. The interstate phone rate caps has resulted in lower costs for Pennsylvania prisoners. I can now afford—where before I could not—to call my uncle who lives in California. The rate caps have enabled me to further develop a relationship with my uncle and other out-of-state family/friends which will be crucial to my ability to successfully return to society.

With respect to in-state phone call rates, it is crucial that the FCC enact permanent reforms, to include rate caps and the elimination of kick back "commission" payments to prison/corrections agencies.

The overwhelming majority of my supporters reside here in Pennsylvania. Because I am hours away from my home (Phila) I do not receive visits. Outside of an occasional letter,

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phone calls are the only means I have to regularly communicate. My family/friend are unable to afford the exuberant phone rates for intrastate calls in PA.

Consequently, I grow more and more estranged. I cannot stay engaged. Without regular communication I cannot effectively/meaningfully develop and or maintain relationships. Relationships that will help me successfully return to society upon my release.

Thank you in advance for your time and generosity. I am unable to adequately express my respect and gratitude for your taking serious consideration of this in-state prison phone rate issue.

Respectfully yours,

Timothy Lawrence